

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) A device for adapting the coating width of a coating system, comprising a distribution chamber having a coating slot, and at least one limiting means limiting the a coating slot arranged in the a distribution chamber for a coating fluid, wherein the at least one limiting means comprises a piston comprising a piston head and piston rod, provided with two spaced-apart sealing elements that seal off the piston against the distribution chamber, wherein the limiting means is movable and is adapted for supplying a confining fluid to the piston head through the piston rod, between the sealing elements and through the coating slot for preventing coating fluid material from laterally distributing within the coating slot and for simulating a continuous material web.

4. (cancelled)

5. (previously presented) The device according to claim 3, wherein the piston is provided with a sealing sheet extending into the coating slot.

6-7. (cancelled)

8. (previously presented) The device according to claim 5, wherein the two sealing elements are positioned approximately at the beginning and the end of the sealing sheet.

9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) The device according to claim 3,  
wherein the coating slot has a width of about 100  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 250  $\mu\text{m}$ .

11. (previously presented) The device according to claim 3,  
wherein the limiting means is adapted for supplying a portion of confining fluid  
of ~~is~~ about 0.5 % to about 2 % of the coating fluid used.

12-14. (cancelled)

15. (previously presented) The device according to claim 3,  
wherein the confining fluid comprises an aqueous solution.

16-20. (cancelled)